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DRAW WOULD GIVE SLICKERS TITLE



Ian Souness, the brilliant Sydney City defender-cum-midfielder, playing in the best form of his life; net-tearing freekicks are his latest and most feared speciality.

One single point is what Sydney City needs from their remaining two matches to win the 1981 PSL title — their third.

They lead by three points and a vastly superior goal difference from South Melbourne who, it seems, are destined to remain the eternal bridesmaids.

This Sunday Sydney City will play at Preston and could do the trick.

But even if they go down, they should clinch the title in their last match, at home against Adelaide City.

Last weekend also cleared up the relegation issue.

West Adelaide have been joined by Blacktown as the team that will go down.

Now the big question is, of course — will they go down?

West Adelaide have already started a major PR campaign to gain public sympathy for their re-admission application.

The rules say that a team which finishes in a relegation spot two years running must go down.

But our soccer rules are the most flexible in the world — and can be changed back and forth.

Blacktown's demise is really rather tragic: they appeared to succeed in spreading the soccer gospel in a soccer-hungry district.

It will be a remarkably ticklish situation which way the ASF jumps when it discusses the promotion-relegation issue.

Croatia and St George are likely to apply for admission and both have valid claims.

Meanwhile, there is a very real possibility that a combined State team from Tasmania will enter the PSL in 1982.



Alun Evans, the sharp South Melbourne striker, on whose goals his team depends in their desperate bid to catch the Slickers and give Victoria its first PSL title.

BABY ROOS DOWN

A referee from The Philippines allowed the young Socceroos to be hacked to pieces in 36 degree heat last Sunday at Surabaya.

Indonesia won the World Cup match 1-0 with a late goal when Australian defender Crino was caught out of position.

A crowd of 25,000 saw the game which, for

most of the 90 minutes, was dominated by the Socceroos.

However, many chances were missed by the strikers, especially in the first half when the game could have been wrapped up.

Several players, including Raskopoulos, Mitchell and Lee, were badly affected by the oppressive heat and

humidity; the match was played at 3.30pm local time.

Earlier the Australian Ambassador in Jakarta gave the Socceroos a reception; it seems that memories of the December visit have dimmed.

The first reaction of the Indonesian Press to the fact that we sent a Youth team was rather hostile — understand-

ably so.

However, the 1-0 home win no doubt pacified them later.

This week the ASF had to transfer some more funds to team manager Tommy Grimson, now in Hong Kong.

The high cost of items — a soft drink \$1.60 in Indonesia — has depleted the reserves of the careful Grimson.

Australia will play a friendly game with the leading Hong Kong side Caroline Hill said this week, after our press time.

The team will leave for Taipei on Thursday morning and play Taiwan on Sunday afternoon, then return to Sydney at 6.10am on Tuesday.

Sat. vote on 'Summer'

There is a good chance that the decision on Saturday about "summer" soccer will be — no decision.

Going by the strange traditions of Australian soccer, the people involved and the number of clubs sitting on the fence, it's likely that final decision will be deferred.

The 16 clubs will meet at the Hakoah Club.

Some — Olympic, Marconi, Leichhardt and a few from interstate — are opposed to a change of seasons on very specific grounds.

However, if a final vote is taken, we predict a clear majority of 'yes' votes.



2 TO 6

IN NSW FEDERATION

With Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna.

West Ryde Rovers (3rd div.) faced with the reality of relegation played in a relaxed mood and enjoyed a game in which Padstow Park was defeated 4-0. Padstow suffered a lot of bad luck in missing a penalty shot and the brilliant performance of the Rovers goalkeeper Wayne Phillips denied the side a place in the semifinals. The score at the interval was 1-0 with a goal scored from a corner kick taken by Bill Allen and powerfully headed in by Steve Mathewes. The second goal came from a team effort which helped Peter Barron to send a 25-metre shot into the top corner of the net. John Major scored the second after a corner. Padstow were still in the game and fought hard for a goal but the breakaway attacks were always thwarted by Wayne who had one of his best performances in the goal.

Ten minutes from the end Jeff Warton headed in the 4th goal from a move starting at right and which involved Peter Barron.

Kingsford (3rd div.) after trailing behind Artamon all season, had a stroke of luck last weekend when Artamon was defeated 1-0 by Sydney Uni and now Kingsford is on top of the table as premiership winners. Kingsford had to travel all the way to Fairfield to play Kiev for a 2-2 draw and the vital point. The game was very physical and Kingsford was forced to play with only 10 men from the first minute. Kingsford scored first and Fairfield equalised after the interval and went further ahead a few minutes later. With only 10 minutes to go Kingsford scored again to grab a point. Both Kingsford goals came from identical situations and were the result of crosses from the right wing by Nick Cosentino and involving George Kostakis. In both cases the ball was finally put in the net by Sandy Hopkins.

Concordia (4th div.) won the division outright after defeating Canley Heights 2-1. The first goal of the game was scored by the Heights when a bad back-pass was intercepted by Ronnie Weller who drove the ball into the net. In the second half Concordia scored two goals to win the points and both goals were scored by the substitute George Achet. George headed in the first and later a beautiful move from back at midfield then to the wing and finally finished with George to head it in for the winner.

Wentworth (3rd div.) finished 3rd in the table after sharing the points with Hurstville Zagreb in a game played at Enatt Park. Wentworth dominated the game throughout and were unlucky not to win the game especially when both goals in the 1-1 draw were scored by Dave Harvey, the Wentworth left winger. The first goal came from a long ball received by Tommy Binaie who, when facing two defenders, lobbed the ball over to the left for Dave who was on the edge of the penalty area. Dave took the ball, ran wide and from an acute angle shot into the net past the advancing goalkeeper. Early in the second half Dave was back in his defence and in a crowded goal-mouth area he firmly kicked the ball back to his goalie but the shot

was too powerful and went into the net, for the equaliser. Wentworth kept on the pressure and had many scoring chances which either were shot wide or the ball was headed back off the goal line.

Bondi (3rd div.) played against a depleted and disenchanted Paddington Spanish. The result was 4-0 with two goals for each half. Gary Burchell scored from inside the goal area after several attempts had been blocked. Just before the interval Terry Hales headed the ball to the goal area for Norrie Parter who, winning a tackle, hit an unstoppable shot to make it 2-0. Norrie scored again after the interval when a freekick ball eventually finished up with him. The final goal was from a long shot from the left taken by Johnny Garrett.

Robins (6th div.) played St. Sydney who put up some strong defence early. However Robins' continuous attacks were rewarded with a goal midway through the first half by Stewart Tebbutt. A cross from the wing put away by Jeff Waite and a penalty converted by Mark Lewis saw the score 3-0 at half-time. After the break came a goal by Mark Jackson with another from a freekick slammed home by Rodney Fox. St. Sydney pressed Robins and were awarded two penalties to see Robins finish 5-2 winners. Second grade saw good team work and solid defence by Robins being the highlights of the game. Three of the four goals scored by Bob Schipperi were fed by the defenders with another goal coming from Jeff Murphy again from a corner, making the final score 6-1.

Maccabi (5th div.) played Hawkesbury away and again were short on players in both grades. In first grade midfielder, Aaron Mucsnik took on the keeper's position doing it quite well. Maccabi scored early with a 30-metre shot by Ron Lilling in the 8th minute with Hawkesbury equalising with a penalty in the 89th minute. The 80 minutes in between was fairly even and scrappy football with Maccabi and Hawkesbury failing to add to the eventual 1-1 draw. In second grade Maccabi took the match 1-0. Coach Sam Skurnik was the scorer from a through ball by Rob Weiss in the 20 minute. Maccabi dominated but failed to add to the score. In their midweek postponed matches against Glenquarie at Bensley Road, Maccabi's first grade were first to score, after 10 minutes with a goal from Aaron Mucsnik. Glenquarie came back with two quick goals to make it 2-1 at half time. Glenquarie went further ahead within 10 minutes of the break for a 5-1 lead. Maccabi scored two minutes from the end by Lester Sodden to make the final score 5-2. Second grade saw a 1-1 half time score with Maccabi's goal being a volley shot from 25 metres by B. Offenreich. Rob Weiss scored for Maccabi in the second half but Glenquarie sealed the game well and truly with three goals for a 4-2 final score.

The Second Division Sub-Committee have arranged an inspection of the Parklea Complex on Saturday, September 19, at 2pm. Anyone wishing to see the Complex is welcome. Corner Meurants Lane and Old Windsor Road, Parklea.

Baulkham Hills (2nd div.) finished the competition with wins in three grades. In first grade, the first half was even with both teams failing to score from limited chances. The Hills were first to score when Drew Kendall from 20 metres drove the ball from an angled shot into the top corner of the net. Queens Park equalised five minutes later after some poor defence from the Hills side. Baulkham Hills took a 2-1 lead 10 minutes later when Tony Kinsey was able to reach the ball before the keeper and deflect it into the corner of the net. The Hills second grade, playing many U16s and U18s finished the season with a 3-1 win. Goals were scored by Darren O'Halloran, Brenden Fotheringham and Bob Kerr. Congratulations to the Baulkham Hills third grade for winning their competition with a 4-1 win in their last game. This team under coach Jim Home went through the second half of the season undefeated and are playing top football. Scorers: Damien Laidler (3) and Anthony Dyer.

Blacktown Workers (6th div.) were defeated by Liverpool City 3-1 in a game that gave both sets of supporters plenty to cheer about. The game had plenty of good build ups from both teams with play seeing to both ends of the field, which kept both keepers working overtime to keep the score at 0-0 at half time.

SCOREBOARD

NSW FINAL TABLES

DIVISION 2 GRADE 1

Deo Why	15	5	2	45	15	35
Marrville	11	8	3	41	23	30
Baulk. Hls.	12	5	5	41	24	29
Mt Druitt	13	2	7	35	16	28
N. Ryde	12	1	9	30	25	25
C'town	9	5	8	37	28	23
Bonnyrigg	8	4	10	29	40	20
L'pool Alb	5	5	12	24	38	15
Q. Park	5	5	12	25	40	15
Lane Cove	5	5	12	26	42	15
R'stone	5	5	12	23	41	15
Gladesvl.	5	4	13	21	45	14

GRADE 2

N. Ryde	14	6	2	51	21	34
Mt Druitt	15	4	3	54	27	34
L'pool Alb	10	8	6	30	22	28
Bonnyrigg	9	7	6	32	23	25
C'town	9	7	6	36	30	25
Deo Why	9	3	10	31	28	21
Q. Park	8	4	10	25	35	20
Gladesvl.	5	7	10	30	41	17
R'stone	5	7	10	27	43	17
Baulk Hls	6	4	12	27	38	16
Lane Cove	7	1	14	25	52	15
Marrville	4	6	12	29	37	14

GRADE 3

Baulk Hls.	17	2	3	70	18	36
L'pool Alb	17	2	3	60	24	36
Marrville	15	4	3	63	17	34
C'town	14	3	5	56	18	31
Gladesvl.	14	3	5	58	21	31
Mt Druitt	8	6	6	48	24	24
Q. Park	9	1	12	33	51	19
Bonnyrigg	7	4	11	27	50	18
N. Ryde	6	4	12	40	59	16
Lane Cove	3	2	17	20	63	8
R'stone	2	3	17	24	75	7
Deo Why	—	4	18	17	73	4

DIVISION 3 GRADE 1

Kingsford	10	8	4	39	21	28
Artamon	10	7	5	52	27	27
Wentworth	9	7	6	50	32	25
Bondi	10	5	7	39	32	25
Padstow	10	4	8	36	25	24
East. Crk.	7	9	6	25	29	23
Hurstville	8	7	7	27	35	23
Syd. Uni	9	2	11	24	31	20
Paddington	8	7	9	27	38	19
Fairfield K	6	6	10	40	43	18
W. Ryde	5	6	11	30	47	16
Pt. Hack	8	4	12	27	55	16

GRADE 2

East. Crk.	15	4	3	49	20	34
Padstow	15	3	4	56	27	33
Bondi	14	4	4	53	20	32
Fairfield K	13	3	6	51	31	29
Artamon	9	4	9	47	39	22
Syd. Uni	7	6	9	37	45	20
Wentworth	7	5	10	38	41	19
Hurstville	6	5	11	32	42	17
W. Ryde	8	4	12	29	45	16
Paddington	5	4	13	29	43	14
Pt. Hack	—	2	20	20	98	2

DIVISION 4 GRADE 1

Concordia	13	5	4	40	24	31
W. Holroyd	11	8	6	59	32	28
Fairfield W	12	2	8	52	37	26
N. Rocks	11	4	7	35	27	26
W. St. Geo	10	5	7	63	49	25
Chelsea	10	5	7	47	41	25
Canley Ht	11	3	8	47	48	25
Winst. Hls	8	7	7	45	44	23
Revesby	6	6	10	30	41	18
Maroubra	5	6	11	45	57	18
Eastwood	6	3	13	32	53	15
Ryde	2	2	18	23	65	6

GRADE 2

W. St. Geo	17	3	2	64	25	37
Canley Ht	14	5	3	40	18	33
Fairfield W	14	4	4	52	23	32
Winst. Hls	11	4	7	45	32	26
Concordia	10	6	6	26	25	26
Chelsea	8	7	7	39	35	23
Eastwood	8	6	8	33	28	22
N. Rocks	4	10	8	15	23	18
Maroubra	4	6	12	21	45	14
W. Holroyd	3	7	12	13	41	13
Revesby	1	8	13	13	38	10
Ryde	2	6	14	24	54	10

DIVISION 5 GRADE 1

Edensor	18	5	1	69	20	37
Glenquar.	18	3	3	69	29	35
Moorebank	11	7	4	53	27	29
Maccabi	8	7	7	34	37	23
Pagew'd	10	3	9	40	44	23
Gran Val.	9	4	9	35	35	22
Hawkesb.	8	4	10	43	48	20
Chullora	7	6	9	34	46	20
Haberfild	5	7	10	38	60	17
Mac. Uni	4	6	12	44	57	14
Aub. Jun.	3	7	12	24	51	13
Camden	2	7	13	27	56	11

GRADE 2

Moorebank	20	1	1	74	16	41
Glenquar.	18	2	2	78	27	38
Maccabi	14	1	7	45	35	29
Camden	9	6	8	46	43	23
Aub. Jun.	7	8	7	32	32	22
Edensor	7	7	8	29	31	21
Mac. Uni	7	5	10	35	41	19
Green Val.	7	4	11	26	46	18
Pagew'd	4	9	9	33	43	17
Chullora	6	2	14	30	47	14
Hawkesb.	6	1	15	27	56	13
Haberfild	3	3	16	22	58	9

DIVISION 6 GRADE 1

L'pl City	18	2	2	79	21	38
Robins	16	4	2	65	23	36
Bl. Wands	16	2	4	80	19	34
T'dinos	13	5	4	62	33	31
Colo Colo	10	5	7	39	31	25
L'pl Utd	10	4	8	44	42	24
Hajduk	9	1	12	39	57	19
Bl. Work.	6	3	13	37	50	15
Sth. Syd	4	5	13	23	52	13
Bankst.	4	4	14	39	69	12
L'pl Rang.	2	6	14	23	61	10
P'matta	1	5	16	22	74	7

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Relegation play-offs:
STATE LEAGUE
NS-Inter v R'matta 2-0
Division 1
Belmore v Uni NSW 0-0
(After extra-time)

Semi-Finals
R'wood v Bankst 0-2
(3rd Grade)
Manly v St George 2-1
(2nd Grade)
Melita v Poitola 1-0
(1st Grade)

Division 1 (3 Grade)
Gladesville v Frd Mdw 2-0
Kuringal v Guildford 1-0
(2nd Grade)
F. Mdw v Revesby 2-1
Kuringal v Guildford 2-1
(1st Grade)
Yugal v F. Mdw 0-2
Kuringal v W'gong 1-1
(After extra time)

Division 2
Marrville v L. Cove 5-0 2-4 9-2
Baulk. Hls v Q'Park 2-1 3-0 4-1
C'town v Mt Druitt 0-1 0-1 6-1
R'stone v L'pool 4-0 0-2 0-5
Gladesville v Deo Why 1-1 1-2 1-1
N. Ryde v B'rigg 0-1 0-2 5-0

Division 3
East. Crk. v Pt. Hack 1-1 7-0
Bondi v Paddington 4-0 4-0
F'field v Kingsford 2-2 3-2
Sth. Uni v Artamon 1-0 2-4
Hurstville v Wentworth 1-1 2-0
W. Ryde v Padstow P 4-0 0-4

Division 4
Concordia v Canley H 2-1 0-3
Maroubra v Revesby 5-1 1-1
W. Hills v Eastwood 4-1 2-3
W. St. Geo. v Chelsea 2-6 2-2
W. Holroyd v F'field W 3-2 0-3
Ryde Dist. v N. Rocks 1-4 3-0

Division 5
Moorebank v Haberfild 7-1 3-0
Green. Val v Mac Uni 4-0 0-0
Auburn v Camden 5-2 1-4
Glenquar v Ed'sor Pk 3-2 2-1
Hawkesb v Syd Macc 1-1 0-1
Pagew'd v Chullora 2-3 2-1
Glenquar v Maccabi 5-2 4-2

Division 6
T'dinos v Bankst
Bankst v T'dinos 0-5 2-5
L'pl Utd v Bl. Wands 2-1 1-4
Colo Colo v Hajduk 3-2 5-2
Sth. Syd v Robins 2-5 1-6
B'town Work v L. City 1-3 1-2
P'matta v L'pl Rngs 4-4 1-0
* Forfeit by Bankstown.

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THIS WEEK

NSW COCA COLA BOTTLERS STATE LEAGUE SEMIFINALS

Sunday, Sydney Sports Ground
3 pm: Croatia v. St. George (1st grade)
1.10pm: Croatia v. Melita (2nd grade)
11.30am: Auburn v. Sutherland (3rd grade)

FIRST DIVISION FINALS

Sunday, Potts Park, Yagoona
3pm: Fairy Meadow v. Kuringal/Wollongong (1 grade)
1pm: Kuringal v. Fairy Meadow (2nd grade)
11am: Gladesville v. Kuringal (3rd grade)

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MARAUDERS



Northcote

Surely Brisbane City won't wish to end the season with two successive home-town defeats—yet this looms as a possibility against the talented and unpredictable Adcity.

Still smarting under their defeat of Sunday, the home side is certain to tighten its defence to keep out the eager marauders from Adelaide.

Bob D'Ottavi's boys from Adelaide are shooting for third place on the PSL table and they need to win here as their last match will be in Sydney against the Slickers.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.

END OF OUTS

This is a chance for Wollongong to bounce back on the winning list against hapless Marconi—everybody else does.

While the Wolves have certainly lost a lot of their earlier dash, Marconi have collapsed totally and look destined to finish just a thin line above the relegation zone, by far their worst season ever since their entry into elite soccer.

Still, somehow we have the hunch that Marconi's long string of defeats will come to an end here.

Our tip: Marconi 1-0.



Mariani

SPIDER'S NET

With Allan Maher

During the past few weeks while recovering from my injury, I have had a good look at soccer from the spectators' point of view and in some cases have to sympathise with them for what they have to put up with.

One must wonder what some of the former great Australian internationals think when they sit down and watch one of today's games.

Ray Baartz, now coaching Newcastle KB United who are playing fairly good football, must have nightmares thinking that he has more ability in his big toes than any of his players.

Plus, of course, the fact that they now make more money in one year than he made in five...

This week, during a break at our soccer clinics at Dural, Atli Abonyi told me he was amazed at the lack of soccer intelligence shown by so many of our top players.

He said that if the players had thought what they were about to do with the ball before getting it, especially near the box, we would get a lot more goals.

I beg to differ with all those who reckon the Youth team will be underprepared for the October World Cup.

In fact, that team had a better preparation than any other national team ever before and that includes the 1974 World Cup squad which went to Germany.

It started back in November last year with a training camp, then on to a tournament in Fiji in December.

GRASP

Now in quite a desperate situation, with the title slipping out of their grasp, South Melbourne must grab every straw in the hope that the Slickers get derailed somewhere.

South's opponents, Canberra, have lost their depth in playing strength but what they do have is capable of producing very fine displays.

Most of the pressure is likely to come from South Melbourne where Wooddin and Evans will be spearheading the attacks.

Canberra can be dangerous, especially if Brennan is given room to move.

Our tip: South Melbourne 3-1.

DUNLOP SPORTS FOOTWEAR

Still more on the World Youth Cup...

I have heard of class distinction but this is ridiculous.

Argentina will stay at the Hilton hotel. England at the Camperdown Travelodge. Cameroon at the Rushcutters Bay Travelodge—and the host Australia at the Maroubra Motor Inn.

It's a sad story when a club with a great tradition such as this has to be relegated to the first echelon in the soccer hierarchy.

Throw in training every Monday and Thursday night plus a couple of week-long camps in Sydney and you have one helluva preparation.



BIG FINALE



J. Campbell

Newcastle have the completely revived Heidelberg as their last guests for 1981 and they couldn't have picked a more entertaining match.

Sumner may resume after missing last week's game for the hosts but much of the attention will focus on the gangling but superbly skilful Stamp pitted against a solid Heidelberg defence.

The Heidelberg attack is infinitely more explosive even though the old Cole-Paton partnership isn't functioning perfectly yet.

Our tip: Heidelberg 2-1.

REUNIONS

Blacktown are now beyond saving while Footscray have again succeeded in their annual escape-trick, so there is little at stake in their encounter.

Most critics agree that Blacktown are not nearly as poor a team as their standing suggests.

Footscray are a fragile outfit and now that their PSL status is assured, are not likely to fight tooth and nail.

The match will provide a fascinating backdrop to a reunion by a bunch of players in both sides who hail from various parts of Yugoslavia.

Our tip: Blacktown 2-1.



Krstic

MORE ZEST



Butler

Everybody kept writing off Leichhardt—including us—until they are poised to grab third place in the PSL.

Their clash with the fast and aggressive Olympic at Lambert Park should produce one of the better crowds of the season—even 8,000 wouldn't surprise us.

Leichhardt, while they may not look classy, are a difficult side to handle.

Olympic are clearly limping without Koussas and Raskopoulos and their attack needs a lot more zest than seen from them last week.

Our tip: Leichhardt 2-1.

ONE POINT

Preston, now relieved of relegation anguishes, could relax a bit and play their attractive and constructive game when they meet Sydney City.

A far better side than most people believe, Preston, in their reinforced state, can give any team a fair run for their money.

Sydney City know that even a draw would give them the title before the last round and they have enough skill and guile to achieve just that.

The very worst we expect from the Slickers is a single point.

Our tip: 2-2 draw.



Spanos

RESPECTABLE

Although down and out, Westad would dearly like to chalk up some respectable results before their case for re-admission to the PSL comes before that kangaroo court known as ASF executive.

However, they will have their hands full against Lions who, normally, appear to be a very well organised and disciplined team.

Westad will be without the suspended Topaz and this gives Lions a slight edge.

However, Westad are likely to fight to the last and could end up with a point.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.



Topaz



CLUB MARCONI

Bossley Park

Saturday September 5
FATHERS NIGHT

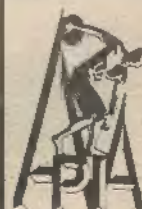
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RUSSELL (Adelaide City)	MASON (Newcastle)	ZEROS (Olympic)	YANKOS (Heidelberg)
G. WILSON (Lions)	JOVANOVIC (Footscray)	O'DONNELL (Blacktown)	
CULLEN (Preston)	GIAMPAOLO (Leichhardt)	STAMP (Newcastle)	

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

- Eddie Thomson, Sydney City: "This was a good result for us. I'm confident now we'll take the title."
- John Margaritis, South Melbourne: "I blame Laumets for the goal. My grandmother would have saved that freekick."
- Ian Bruce of Sydney City has recovered from his injury and played in the Slickers Youth team last Sunday.
- Referee Nugent with a smile to Souness after his fierce shot missed the target. "Not every day is Wollongong day," referring to Souness' tremendous freekick goal there a week earlier. Five minutes later Souness blasted home his equalising freekick. "This was better than the one at Wollongong," he quipped to the smiling ref.
- A long range forecast: Les Scheinflug to return to coach Marconi in 1982.
- Former Marconi hero Roberto Vieri is back in Sydney; he has returned with his family as ordinary migrants but is undecided whether he will play again.
- Marconi secretary Milorad ("Mike") Urukalo will leave for an extended study tour of Europe and the USA on October 20.
- Stuart Johnson went on to replace the injured Ian Hunter last Sunday after 35 minutes — and after having played a full game in the Youth team.
- Newcastle have received 16 applications for the advertised coaching job — some from overseas.
- Peter Wilson of Olympic had to miss Sunday's game because of a minor back injury — but helped warm up Gary Meier before the match.
- Johnny Thomson is organising Olympic's end of season overseas tour.
- Alan Davidson of South Melbourne and
- Peter Katholos of Olympic will travel together to Europe at the end of the month to try their luck.
- There was quite a gathering at the Hakoah club last Sunday: the Newcastle bus stopped there for refreshments on their way home from Pratten Park and the West Australian girls' team dropped in, too for a chat and a glass of soda water.
- Ken Morton Wollongong: "We could not finish off our moves and badly need a striker who can score goals. We should have come out fighting in the second half but didn't".
- Adcity coach, Bob D'Ottavi: "We would have won by a much bigger margin, but for the work of Martyn Crook. The hold-up in play caused us to lose Luci Signore with a pulled hamstring muscle. Like a lot of the other players, Luci cooled down during the delay and then when the game was restarted he injured his leg the first time he stretched out."
- The Queensland Rothman's Medal has been won this year by Mark Brusasco of the Eastern Suburbs. Mark, who is a former youth international, joined Easts this year from Brisbane City and has made his mark by netting 10 goals in this, the first year the club has played in the Queensland State League. In the Rothmans award he came as a late runner, scoring maximum points in the last five matches to snatch the award away, ironically, from former Brisbane City teammate Peter Tokesi, now playing in the State League with Bundaberg.

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	*	2-1	0-0	1-0	3-2	1-0	1-3	3-1	0-0	0-1	2-0	4-1	1-0	3-1	0-1	1-2
ADELAIDE HAWKS	0-3	*	2-0			1-1	3-2	0-5	1-2	2-0	0-2	0-1	4-0	0-1	1-2	0-0
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	1-5	4-0	*	1-2	2-2	0-2		3-1	0-1	0-2	2-2	1-2	0-0	1-4	1-0	0-1
BRISBANE GLADIATORS		2-1	2-1	*	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-2	0-0	4-0	1-1	1-1	1-2	3-0	2-0	1-0
BRISBANE LIONS	2-1	3-1		1-0	*	1-0	4-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-0	0-1	2-1	1-1	4-3	1-1
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0	1-2	2-2	3-0	2-3	*	5-0	1-5	0-1	0-0	2-2	4-1		2-1	2-0	2-0
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	1-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	2-0	3-1	*	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2		2-1	1-1	1-0	1-1
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	1-2	2-0	3-1	2-0	2-2	1-1	2-0	*		1-1	0-0	1-2	2-3	1-0	0-1	0-3
LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	3-0	1-0	3-2	2-2	0-0	4-0	2-0	2-2	*		1-1	2-1	1-1		0-1	1-0
MARCONI LEOPARDS	1-4	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-1	0-2	1-3	3-1	0-2	*		1-2	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-1
MELBOURNE GUNNERS	0-0	5-0	2-1	0-2	1-0		2-1	2-1	4-1	1-0	*	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-3	1-0
NEWCASTLE KB	2-2	4-2	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	3-0		4-1	2-0	0-0	*	4-0	1-2	1-2	1-1
PRESTON RAMS	3-0	2-0	2-3	1-1	1-1	0-1	3-0	0-2	3-1	0-0	1-1	3-1	*	3-1		6-0
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	3-1	3-1	1-0	1-1	3-1	0-2	0-0	2-1	1-3	2-0	2-2	1-1	2-1	*	2-2	
SYDNEY SLICKERS		1-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	3-2	3-0	1-0	3-0	5-0	1-1	4-1	2-0	5-4	*	1-0
WOLLONGONG WOLVES	4-1	2-1	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	2-1	3-4	1-1		1-1	0-0	2-2	3-1	0-5	*

Soccer Terms explained:
No. 12

Throw-in.

When the ball crosses the side touch-line, it is "thrown" back into play by a player from the team opposing that of the player who last touched it. The thrower must face the field of play with both feet on or outside the touch-line, and "throw-in" the ball with both hands from behind and over his head.

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KALINOWSKI LURED HOME

—By Mike Mikolajczyk

Zigmund Kalinowski, the brilliant Polonia goalie, is in big demand.

Marconi are reportedly interested in signing him and some interstate PSL clubs have also put out some feelers.

Polonia are anything but keen to lose their brilliant goalie—and set a fee of \$50,000 on him.

This may deter Australian clubs for sure—but Kalinowski may still leave...

The first division Polish club Motor Lublin have contacted him and offered him a lucrative contract if he returned to Poland.

Two former Polonia players are doing well back home.

Kaz Szmidt, the former tall midfielder, is now coach of first division club Zagłębie Sosnowiec and another former midfielder Ziggy Janiak is assistant coach of second division club Stal Rzeszow.



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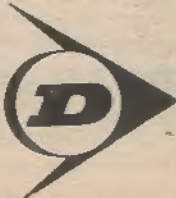
TOP PSL SCORERS

COLE (Heidelberg)	13
EVANS (Sth. Melbourne)	13
BODEN (Sydney City)	12
KOUSSAS (Olympic)	11
SOPER (Leichhardt)	11
KOSMINA (Sydney City)	10
OLLERTON (Preston)	10
SOUNESS (Sydney City)	10
P. WILKINSON (Brisbane City)	10

PHILIPS LEAGUE

	AGGREGATE										HOME										AWAY									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P			P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P			P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P		
1 SYDNEY CITY	28	17	5	6	52	27	+25	39			14	10	4	—	32	11	24				14	7	1	6	20	16	15			
2 STH. MELBOURNE	28	12	12	4	39	26	+13	36			14	10	2	2	24	10	22				14	2	10	2	15	16	14			
3 LEICHHARDT	27	12	9	6	36	29	+7	33			13	7	5	1	22	10	19				14	5	4	5	14	19	14			
4 BRISBANE CITY	28	11	10	7	33	23	+10	32			14	8	4	2	21	8	20				14	3	6	5	12	15	12			
5 ADELAIDE CITY	28	13	6	9	42	34	+8	32			15	9	2	4	22	13	20				13	4	4	5	20	21	12			
6 CANBERRA	28	12	7	9	40	31	+9	31			14	6	4	4	26	17	16				14	6	3	5	14	14	15			
7 BRISBANE LIONS	28	10	11	7	38	31	+7	31			14	9	4	1	23	9	22				14	1	7	6	15	22	9			
8 NEWCASTLE	28	10	8	10	39	39	—	28			14	5	5	4	24	15	15				14	5	3	6	15	24	13			
9 OLYMPIC	28	10	8	10	42	43	—1	28			14	7	5	2	23	16	19				14	3	3	8	19	27	9			
10 HEIDELBERG	28	10	7	11	45	39	+6	27			14	5	4	5	18	16	14				14	5	3	6	27	23	13			
11 WOLLONGONG	28	7	12	9	30	37	—7	26			14	4	7	3	20	20	15				14	3	5	6	10	17	11			
12 PRESTON	28	9	7	12	39	38	+1	25			14	7	4	3	28	12	18				14	2	3	9	11	26	7			
13 FOOTSCRAY	28	9	6	13	31	46	—15	24			14	7	5	2	21	13	19				14	2	1	11	10	33	5			
14 MARCONI	27	9	5	13	21	39	—18	23			14	6	2	6	15	19	14				13	3	3	7	6	20	9			
15 BLACKTOWN	28	5	8	15	30	46	—16	18			14	3	3	8	16	24	9				14	2	5	7	14	22	9			
16 WEST ADELAIDE	28	5	3	20	24	53	—29	13			13	4	2	7	14	19	10				15	1	1	13	10	34	3			

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WEEKEND GUIDE TO PHILIPS LEAGUE



Wishart

BRISBANE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 12. Tripp, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 18. Vincenzino, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

Sunday, 2.30pm
Spencer Park.

Next week: West Adelaide v. Brisbane City.

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Brisb. City v. Adel. City 1-0.
1978: Brisb. City v. Adel. City 2-1.
1979: Brisb. City v. Adel. City 2-1.
1980: Brisb. City v. Adel. City 1-2.
1981: Adel. City v. Brisb. City 1-0.

ADELAIDE CITY

Likely squad: 21. Peressin, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Mella, 14. Miller, 15. Manou, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 22. Przybylski. Coach: B. D'Ottavi.

Referee: T. Davies
Linesmen: G. Nicholson,
A. Kibler.

Next week: Sydney City v. Adel. City.



Marocchi



Kafka

LEICHHARDT

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. Skellern, 3. McAusland, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Hughes, 7. Soper, 8. Giampaolo, 9. Pirie, 10. Kafka, 11. O'Connor, 12. Morsello, 13. Bradley, 14. Leyden, 15. McKie, 16. Watt, 17. Casacchia, 18. Gray, 19. Zaccorner, 20. Parkes. Coach: Willie Wallace.

Sunday, 3pm.
Lambert Park.

Next week: Leichhardt v. Marconi (Wed.)
Next week: Heidelberg v. Leichhardt.

PAST RESULTS:

1979: Leichhardt v. Olympic 0-2.
1981: Olympic Leichhardt 1-3.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Raskopoulos, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 13. Cotton, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 19. Redfern, 20. Wilson. Coach: D. Collins.

Referee: P. Rampley.
Linesmen: B. Fowler, M. Loupis.

Next week: Olympic v. Wollongong.



Wilson



James

BLACKTOWN CITY

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selva, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning, 12. Quarmbay, 13. Cuk, 14. Burrows, 15. Wallace, 16. Turner, 17. Jones, 18. Milosevic, 19. Krstic, 20. Rassmussen. Coach: R. Rasic.

Sunday, 3pm.
Toongabbie.

Next week: Lions v. Blacktown.

PAST RESULTS:

1980: Blacktown v. Footscray 3-0.
1981: Footscray Blacktown 2-0.

FOOTSCRAY

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakoulas, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Illoski, 9. O'Reilly, 11. Lujic, 12. Licanin, 14. Belic, 15. Kakantonis, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne, 19. Potter, 20. Verweij. Coach: C. Cirkovic.

Referee: J. Reeves
Linesmen: A. Owens, P. Wood.

Next week: Footscray v. Newcastle.



Verweij



Ainsworth

WOLLONGONG CITY

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vliestra, 13. McBreen, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana, 20. Kay, 21. Vardareff. Coach: K. Morton.

Sunday, 3pm
Wollong. Showground.

Next week: Olympic v. Wollongong.

PAST RESULTS:

Wollongong v. Marconi for the first time.
1981: Marconi v. Wollongong 1-1.

MARCONI

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 3. Degney, 4. Henderson, 6. Byrne, 9. Krncevic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharpe, 12. Picioane, 13. Muir, 14. Housseini, 15. Calderon, 16. Tomasich, 17. Colusso, 18. Johnston, 20. Corry. Coach: L. Nesti.

Referee: A. Boskovic.
Linesmen: G. Power, W. Lord.

Next week: Leichhardt v. Marconi (Wed.)
Next week: Marconi v. Sth. Melbourne.



Krncevic



Manecas

WEST ADELAIDE

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 4. Lorenzoni, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 8. Manecas, 9. Lorenzoni, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 14. Koulianos, 15. Marisic, 16. Brown, 17. Wright, 18. Smythe, 19. Kowalski, 20. Miller, 21. Hughes. Coach: P. Jaksa.

Sunday, 2.30pm.
Hindmarsh.

Next week: West Adelaide v. Brisbane City.

PAST RESULTS:

1977: West Adel. v. Br. Lions 5-1.
1978: West Adel. v. Br. Lions 3-0.
1979: West Adel. v. Br. Lions 1-0.
1980: West Adel. v. Br. Lions 1-1.
1981: Br. Lions v. West Adel. 3-1.

BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Williamson, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 13. Latchford, 14. Ogden, 15. Daunt, 14. Ogden, 15. Daunt, 16. Low, 18. Konstantinou, 19. Bryce, 20. Lowndes. Coach: J. Gilroy.

Referee: D. Campbell.
Linesmen: C. Barbo, T. Martell.

Next week: Lions v. Blacktown.



C. Low



Sumner

NEWCASTLE UTD.

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 3. Tredinnick, 4. Senkalski, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 14. Sneddon, 15. Curran, 16. Kamasz, 17. Storey, 18. Cowburn, 19. Stamp, 20. Gosling. Coach: R. Baartz.

Sunday, 2.30pm.
Int. Sports Centre.

Next week: Footscray v. Newcastle.

PAST RESULTS:

1978: Newcastle v. Heidelberg 2-2.
1979: Newcastle v. Heidelberg 3-3.
1980: Newcastle v. Heidelberg 3-1.
1981: Heidelberg v. Newcastle 1-2.

HEIDELBERG

Likely squad: 1. Olver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendoorn, 5. McLeod, 6. Selemidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozikas, 12. Yankos, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 17. Tasevski, 20. Reilly. Coach: L. McKendry.

Referee: D. Nugent.
Linesmen: A. Rodway,
O. Scevak.

Next week: Heidelberg v. Leichhardt.



Bozikas



Rogers

STH. MELBOURNE

Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannan, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 17. Wooddin, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigras. Coach: J. Margaritis.

Sunday, 3pm.
Middle Park.

Next week: Marconi v. Sth. Melbourne.

PAST RESULTS:

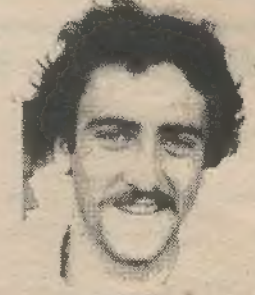
1977: Sth. Melbourne v. Canberra 1-1.
1978: Sth. Melbourne v. Canberra 0-0.
1979: Sth. Melbourne v. Canberra 1-1.
1980: Sth. Melbourne v. Canberra 1-0.
1981: Canberra v. Sth. Melbourne 2-2.

CANBERRA CITY

Likely squad: 21. Hoszowski, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 12. Gibson, 13. Purdie, 14. Massa, 15. Matopoulos. Coach: G. Murray.

Referee: E. Venios.
Linesmen: C. Bambridge,
N. Karlich.

Next week: Canberra v. Preston.



M. O'Shea



Petrovski

PRESTON

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stolkos, 16. Whittle, 17. McCluskey, 18. Boyle, 19. Farrell, 20. Clayton, 21. Wilson. Coach: P. Ollerton.

Sunday, 3pm.
Conner Reserve.

Next week: Canberra v. Preston.

PAST RESULTS:

Preston v. Sydney City for the first time.
1981: Sydney City v. Preston 2-0.

SYDNEY CITY

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 2. Mullen, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 6. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 11. Lee, 12. Cant, 14. Gomez, 16. Patikas, 17. Robertson, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano, 21. Ahearn. Coach: E. Thomson.

Referee: J. Johnston.
Linesmen: S. Mellings, M. Gaut.

Next week: Sydney City v. Adel. City.



Murray

SCOREBOARD

ADELAIDE CITY v WEST ADELAIDE 2-1 (2-0)

Adelaide City (4-4-2)

Russell (5)	Jones (4)	Przybylski (4)	Perin (5)	B. Nyskohus (4)
Dods (4)	Melta (4)	Marocchi (4)	Signore (3)	
	Northcote (4)	J. Nyskohus (4)		
	Kowalski (3)	Wright (3)		
Smythe (4)	Honeyman (4)	Manecas (2)	Brown (3)	
McGregor (3)	Topaz (1)	Forde (4)	Maricic (4)	
		Crook (5)		

West Adelaide (4-4-2)

Replacements: Lorenzoni (46m) for Kowalski, McKie (82m) for McGregor, Rankin (76m) for Signore.
Goals: 1-0 J. Nyskohus (14m), 2-0 Melta (19m), 2-1 Smythe (47m).
Referee: S. Mellings (Vic) — Crowd: 4,200 — Cautions: Maricic, Honeyman — Sent-off: Topaz.

One cannot help but feel sympathetic towards the hard working Westad committee which is currently preparing a case for readmission to the PSL.

Last Thursday they threw an impressive cocktail party for members of the local soccer media to announce that it is the intention of the club to seek readmission next year.

Then on Sunday a group of 60 or so yobos upturned the goodwill appletart by staging a mini-invasion of the Olympic Sports Field.

The incident was sparked in the 27th minute of the second half when Victorian referee Stuart Mellings showed Westad defen-

INVASION

der Shraga Topaz the red card for a foul on Addcity striker Brian Northcote.

The audience participation group then streamed onto the ground from the outer section of the arena and play was delayed for seven minutes until police, officials and players from both teams restored order.

It was an unfortunate interlude just as Westad showed promise of pegging back Addcity's advantage.

The Giants, intent on avenging their Philips Cup loss to Hawks, started in whirlwind fashion with Johnny Nyskohus

and Brian Northcote prominent in early raids.

It was Nyskohus who broke through first in the 14th minute when he raced onto a long clearance from David Jones to toe-poke the ball past the advancing Marlyn Crook.

Opportunist Sergio Melta made it 2-0 five minutes later when he honed in on a rebound after Crook had parried a solid drive from Northcote.

Addcity then threatened to compile a cricket score, but Crook saved attempts from Johnny Nyskohus and Melta before Jan

McGregor stopped another shot on the goaline.

Johnny Perin then hit the crossbar with a sizzling long shot before the Hawks forced their first corner of the game in the 37th minute and Zoran Maricic got in their first shot three minutes before half time.

It was a different Westad from the start of the second half, however, as substitute Aldo Lorenzoni injected life into their previously sterile attack.

Two minutes after the resumption Lorenzoni found Vic Smythe with an excellent first time pass and the winger hammered a splendid drive past Jack Przybylski in the City goal.

— Allan Crisp

CANBERRA v WOLLONGONG 2-0 (1-0)

Canberra 4-3-3

Moutsopoulos (3)	Massa (3)	M. O'Shea (3)	R. O'Shea (4)
Cole (4)	Byrne (4)	J. O'Shea (3)	
Purdie (3)	Valeri (3)	MacLaren (3)	
	Lathan (3)	Bertogna (3)	Fontana (3)
Tredinnick (4)	McBreen (3)	Fleming (2)	
Ainsworth (2)	Dunleavy (3)	Adam (3)	Willis (3)
		Vardareff (3)	

Wollongong 4-3-3

Replacements: Morlando (32m) for Bertogna, Gibson (59m) for Valeri, Campbell (66m) for Morlando.
Goals: 1-0 Valeri (6m, penalty), 2-0 Gibson (82m).
Referee: B. Mee — Crowd: 2,500 — Cautions: Massa, Byrne, Tredinnick, Fontana.

This was a typical end of season clash. Two teams safely ensconced mid-table without the spectre of relegation or lure of the premiership to spur them on played soccer with all the application and concentration of hyperactive children.

Passes went astray with monotonous regularity particularly in midfield and consequently constructive soccer was at a premium.

Canberra went ahead after only six minutes when Valeri converted a penalty once MacLaren had been fouled in the Wollongong area.

However, there was precious little shooting at goal by either side.

One spectator noted

SUNSET

that an hour of play had passed before there was a definite shot on goal.

Perhaps the most spectacular first half action occurred when referee Bob Mee was accidentally knocked out by a shot heading for goal.

He lay spreadeagled on the ground for two minutes before he revived.

For Wollongong, only Tredinnick posed any threat to the Canberra goal.

He made many menacing raids but could achieve little

without support from his forwards.

For Canberra, Terry Byrne, Duncan Cole and Robert O'Shea were the best of a disorganised team.

Up front Walter Valeri seemed sluggish and despite scoring a fine penalty, was replaced by Gibson in the second half.

This proved to be a master stroke by George Murray: it was Gibson who scored Canberra's second goal.

Ian Purdie collected a well directed ball from Massa and running

dowfield side-footed it to Gibson.

He sprinted round Vardareff and slotted the ball into the goal from an acute angle.

This match was a discredit to the general standard of PSL soccer.

Perhaps some monetary incentive could be given to teams to achieve a Top Four status and thereby ensure that players of middle ranking teams do more than go through the motions of playing at the sunset of each season.

— Peter Kunz

OLYMPIC v NEWCASTLE 1-1 (0-0)

Olympic (4-3-3)

Moulis (3)	Wilson (4)	Meier (4)	Zeros (5)	Scott (4)
Laing (3)	Katholos (4)	Cross (3)		
Redfern (3)	Gavin (2)	Jennings (3)		
	Stamp (5)	Mountford (2)	Kamasz (3)	
Jones (3)	Senkalski (4)	McClelland (4)		
Endacott (4)	Mason (5)	Drinkwater (4)	Reaney (4)	
		Dando (3)		

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Replacement: Heys (61m) for Mountford.
Goals: 1-0 Wilson (80m) 1-1 Stamp (87m).
Referee: A. Boskovic — Crowd: 5,155 — Cautions: Senkalski, Kamasz.

I defy anybody, including the heavenly Maradona, to play really good soccer on the dust-bowl of Pratten Park with a surface like a moon-scape.

And with that I have made a suitable apology on behalf of all the players who struggled manfully for 90 minutes trying to guess what way the ball was about to bounce from the potholes.

Redfern missed the first of his many glaring chances straight after the start, blasting an easy shot over the bar; he was to repeat his act 20 minutes later from a Zeros pass.

The 31st minute brought some relief from the sweaty tedium

RARE STAMP

Stamp, this tall, gangling, spindly fellow looking like a mutilated tarantula, made a tantalising run on the left.

With his deceptive speed and effortless, almost silky ball control, he drifted into the golemouth — then lifted an easy shot metres over the bar.

The first 25 minutes of the second half continued much in the same vein: a million bad passes, balls lost in space and precious little in the way of tactical moves appeared to lull the fans into the sad expectation of a drab goalless draw.

But then, mercifully, the game came to life.

In the 73rd minute it was Stamp again who, with the languid moves of a grazing giraffe, swept past a few defenders on the right, went to the byline and laid on a dream ball to substitute Heys who, almost miraculously, managed to miss a totally unguarded goal from four metres.

Olympic, sprung into action, began to stage their usual whirlwind raids and put Dando under siege.

An almighty scramble developed in the 76th minute following a Jennings cross but

somehow the ball was cleared.

Four minutes later Laing took a corner from the left; yet another crowd scene in the box — and Ken Wilson managed to touch the ball into the corner between the lunging legs.

This, it seemed, was the goal to spell victory: the peanut vendor packed his bags and the (by now) high-spirited Newcastle fans on the hills collected their empty eskies.

Three minutes from the end the little ginger-haired Heys sent a sharp shot at goal, the ball was parried by Meier but it ran loose and there was Alfie lurking on the left, picking his spot.

— Andrew Dettre

HEIDELBERG v BLACKTOWN 3-1 (2-0)

Heidelberg (4-3-3)

McMillan (4)	Olver (4)	Yzendoorn (3)	Provan (4)	Yankos (5)
Rooney (3)	Selemidis (4)	Taylor (3)		
Bozikas (3)	Cole (4)	Paton (4)		
	Burrows (4)	Jones (3)	Krstic (4)	
	Selva (4)	Culina (3)	Hormazabal (3)	
O'Donnell (3)	Milovanovic (4)	Pointer (3)	Rasmussen (4)	
		Hoare (3)		

Blacktown (4-3-3)

Replacements: Cuk (45) for Culina, Campbell (65m) for Rooney.
Goals: 1-0 Yankos (13m), 2-0 Selemidis (17m), 2-1 Rasmussen (79m), 3-1 Cole (82m).
Referee: B. Harwood — Crowd: 2,000 — Cautions: Yzendoorn, Rasmussen.

Spectator comfort was minimal with the closure of the grandstand to spectators, due to the urgent work being carried out during the next five weeks before the opening of the FIFA World Youth Championships.

The crowd could be said to be down because of the inclement weather, and the supporters huddled under the outer roofing.

Heidelberg were more persistent, and cohesive in their blend of teamwork, with Blacktown heading nowhere under the added burden of soft going.

The 13th minute saw one of these goals which

NEGATIVE

take a long time to forget.

From a Charlie Yankos free kick at the 45' metre mark, the ball positively screamed into the net, leaving goalkeeper Hoare stranded.

Yankos was in everything, and only four minutes later a great cross by Yankos was headed home by Theo Selemidis.

Blacktown were coming upfield with lots of skilful determination through Stuart Selva and Ricky Hormazabal, only to find that the Heidelberg defence with the odd exception of

Yzendoorn were all able to stem the tide.

The usually reliable sweeper was having the worst of things, and it may be that the spongy turf was wrong-footing him.

The resumption saw a deterioration in the style of play by Heidelberg, as they gave the impression that it was all over, and fell into the trap of playing too casually.

It was very negative stuff, so it was not surprising that Blacktown looked so much better than in the first half.

The Blacktown attack seemed to be gathering

momentum with 15 minutes to go on the right wing through Cuk, who timed his pass to perfection with Rasmussen storming in for an excellent goal, at the 79th minute.

This challenge shook Heidelberg up and Bozikas lifted his game with a clever run down the right wing, slipping the ball to Paton, for him to lay on an easy goal for Gary Cole, with eight minutes before time.

With only two minutes to go, Cole was through on his own when Rasmussen brought him down with a bear-hug Rugby tackle approaching the penalty box.

— Jock Stephen



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MARCONI v LEICHHARDT 0-2 (0-1)

Marconi (4-3-3)

Maher (4)			
Degney (3)	Prskalo (3)	Mariani (3)	Brogan (3)
Jankovics (4)	Tomasich (3)	Byrne (3)	
Hunter (3)	Krnecic (3)	Sharne (3)	
Morsello (3)	Giampaolo (4)	Soper (4)	
Kafka (4)	Butler (4)	Bradley (4)	
Skellern (3)	Wilson (4)	Carter (4)	McAusland (4)
Woodhouse (4)			

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

Replacement: Johnson (35m) for Hunter, Coyne for Kafka (72m), Gray for Soper (85m).
Goals: 0-1 Soper (23m), 0-2 Soper (74m)
Referee: T. Davies — Crowd: 5,325 — Cautions: Kafka, Soper, Butler.

Even the surprise return of Ivo Prskalo failed to stop the slump at Marconi as they were handed another defeat in front of a dejected but still partisan crowd.

Prskalo filled the slot left open by the suspension of Tony Henderson who was sent off the Wednesday before in the match against Blacktown.

Marconi could have had a flying start in this match which certainly was not one of the best matches played at the Marconi Stadium.

A foul on Sharne by Greg Woodhouse in the 9th minute gave the Leopards a golden chance to open the score but Gary Byrne's penalty shot to the left was well

OFF TARGET

saved by Woodhouse to the horror of the crowd.

Despite the defeat, Marconi had a feast of the ball and was forcing corners two to one against Leichhardt's, but their downfall was in the finishing where they were miles off the target.

In addition, of course, the bounce of the ball, almost all, went Leichhardt's way and this was one aspect Marconi could do nothing about.

Defender Colin McAusland, a stalwart in the Leichhardt defence, was also the man who happened to engineer Marconi's defeat.

He had a hand in both goals finished off by the ever dangerous Marshall Soper.

Due to heavy marking, Soper eluded his shadow only on rare occasions but whenever he did he was a menace to the Marconi defence.

McAusland laid on the first goal in the 23rd minute when his lob into a crowded goalmouth was headed towards goal by John Bradley.

Alan Maher had a touch of the ball but could not stop Soper rushing in to prod it into the net from a few metres out.

Five minutes from half

time, Soper was let loose for a few seconds when he managed to beat three defenders but his rushed shot hit the post and rebounded into play.

After the interval, Marconi started to put it together much better but their shooting let them down badly.

In a move started by Degney, Stuart Johnson put Eddie Krnecic through but with the goal at his mercy the latter shot just wide of the post.

Leichhardt struck again 16 minutes from the end; another McAusland drive down the middle hit a defender and the ball found the ever alert Soper in position to hammer the ball past Maher.

— Charles Spiteri

SYDNEY CITY v STH MELBOURNE 1-1 (0-0)

Sydney City (4-3-3)

Clarke (4)			
Mullen (3)	O'Connor (4)	Robertson (4)	Cant (4)
Spanos (4)	Souness (3)	Barnes (3)	
Watson (4)	Kosmina (3)	Boden (3)	
Wooddin (4)	Evans (4)		
Buljevic (3)	Shirra (3)	Stevenson (3)	Campbell (3)
Lutton (3)	Rogers (3)	Xanthopoulos (4)	Bannon (3)
Laumets (5)			

South Melbourne (4-4-2)

Replacement: Cummings (75m) for Shirra.
Goals: 0-1 Woodin (46m) 1-1 Souness (66m).
Referee: D. Nugent — Crowd: 4,217 — Cautions: Lutton, Barnes, Evans.

How can the same player become the villain for both sets of supporters?

Ask Peter Laumets, the South Melbourne goalie.

Firstly he "let in" a 30-metre Souness freekick, well bent over the wall, zooming high into the net then, in the last five minutes, he made two superb reflex saves from Barnes and Spanos, stopping certain goals.

The South Melbourne camp later claimed that Laumets should have saved that soaring freekick but what about giving the man credit for some excellent saves?

The match was a non-event in the first half; tight marking and extremely cautious patter-

ns put the crowd to sleep.

This was anything but proper fare from the two remaining title contenders.

Barnes and Boden shot high over the bar for Sydney City and at the other end Wooddin was once dispossessed and once had his shot blocked inside the box.

Then — a complete change in the second half. Two top teams came to fight it out.

Wooddin shocked the home crowd in the 52nd second of the second half with a splendid left foot drive to put South Melbourne one up.

VILLAIN?

It took Sydney City some 10 minutes to regain their composure and take control.

Kosmina missed a ball after good Souness-Barnes combinations, then a great run and squared ball by Cant caught three Sydney City players napping.

At the other end Clarke came out bravely to block a Wooddin run.

Souness made it 1-1 in the 66th minute — and from then on it was all Sydney City. Mullen ran through the middle, shot low but inches wide; Spanos repeated the act and then again Spanos fumbled the ball in a promising three-to-two situation.

Campbell lured Clarke out of the goal and lobbed the ball over his head but inches over the crossbar.

In the last five minutes Sydney City had three golden chances to win and wrap up the title.

First Spanos sent Barnes into the box but his shot was saved by the onrushing Laumets — by his foot.

Next Kosmina's header sailed wide and finally a Barnes pass was headed into Laumets by Spanos in the goalmouth.

— Joe Marton

BRISBANE CITY v PRESTON RAMS 1-2 (0-2)

Brisbane City (4-3-3)

Wishart (3)			
Vincenzino (2)	Ratcliffe (4)	Dunne (4)	B. Wilkinson (4)
Hamilton (3)	Pimblett (3)	Gaffney (3)	
Conner (4)	P. Wilkinson (3)	Kelso (3)	
Cullen (4)	Lucchesi (4)		
Boyle (3)	Farrell (3)	Ollerton (4)	Whittle (2)
Beech (3)	Petrovski (4)	McMillan (4)	Rainey (3)
Wilson (5)			

Preston Rams (4-4-2)

Replacements: Perry (46m) for Vincenzino; 0-2 (36m) Ollerton; 1-2 (82m) Hamilton.
Goals: 0-1 (2m) Lucchesi; 0-2 (36m) Ollerton; 1-2 (82m) Hamilton.
Referee: C. Amos (Qld) — Crowd: 3,000 — Cautions: Farrell, Gaffney.

Preston threw down the gauntlet to City when inside five minutes Lucchesi cleverly waltzed past Ratcliffe and moving left, sent a grounder past Wishart from 18 metres.

Then Farrell burst through and sent a chip shot dipping just over the top with Wishart beaten.

City were stung into action and Kelso cleverly set up Hamilton but Wilson served notice that he was in top form with a good save.

Play settled down to an entertaining level with both teams playing different styles and Preston's proved the more effective when Lucchesi dragged his

TOO LITTLE

City defence wide on the left, cleverly beat Ratcliffe and placed a perfect cross onto the driving Ollerton's head.

The big player-coach made no mistake from 6 metres.

Steve Perry made an appearance after the half-time break and almost immediately his presence made a difference as City threw Dunne and Ratcliffe forward searching for a way through the packed Preston rearward.

Kelso was allowed free passage but blasted his shot high and wide when cool composure would have let him pick

his spot.

Then it was the deadly head of Paul Wilkinson that uncharacteristically headed a perfect cross from Conner over the top when it was easier to net.

The pressure was now non-stop and Wilson showed he is a truly international keeper with an incredible save from Hamilton.

He threw himself backwards to palm out a net-bound shot and as he was falling he kicked the ball over the top.

Preston were tiring and made two changes but to no avail. Wilson again being called upon to stop a great Ratcliffe

header.

With eight minutes left Hamilton finally netted for City when he took a clever Ratcliffe flick and speared in a shot.

It was too little too late and Preston held on for both points.

— Jim Binnie



FOOTSCRAY v BRISBANE LIONS 2-0 (1-0)

Footscray (4-3-3)

Boland (3)			
O'Reilly (3)	Kyriakoulas (4)	Kondarios (3)	Hazabent (3)
Milne (4)	Jovanovic (5)	Kakantonis (3)	
Verweij (4)	Cozzella (3)	Lujic (4)	
Daunt (3)	Williamson (3)		
Ferris (3)	McLean (4)	Wilson (5)	Hogg (4)
Niven (4)	Hermiston (3)	Burns (3)	Ontong (3)
Lownds (4)			

Brisbane Lions (4-4-2)

Replacement: Low (31m) for Ontong.
Goals: 1-0 Cozzella (37m) 2-0 Lujic (50m)
Referee: C. Bambridge — Crowd: 2,500 — Cautions: Kakantonis, Hazabent.

Johan Verweij, the cast off from Brisbane Lions, took sweet revenge over his old club helping his new side Footscray to a 2-0 victory at Schintler Reserve.

Verweij, who has scored five goals since joining the Blues missed out on getting his name on the score sheet but did the next best thing laying on the second goal for Zdravko Lujic in the 50th minute.

Verweij found Lujic with an accurate cross from the right and the winger smashed the ball past Nigel Lownds onto a post and into the net.

Before half time Verweij also played a hand in setting up Footscray's opening goal.

REVENGE

The lanky striker started the move by sending Lujic away down the left and the winger slipped past two defenders before cutting the ball back to Bruno Cozzella to finish from close range.

Footscray was the better side for most of the match even though it had to contend with referee Chris Bambridge in addition to the visitors.

After delaying the start by 15 minutes because of a clash of colours, Bambridge also denied Footscray what seemed a legitimate

penalty when Paul Burns stopped a Cozzella shot with his arms.

After surviving that ordeal, Nigel Lownds pulled off a fine save from Lujic but the home side finally took the lead in the 37th minute through Cozzella's goal.

Lions' best efforts in the first half had been two shots by Steve Hogg both of which were turned away from corners.

Some 29 minutes into the second half, Hogg's cross was completely missed by Dennis Boland but Jim Kondarios ran back to clear the resultant shot from

Craig Low off the line.

Billy Williamson who has set up a remarkable scoring record since arriving from Scotland, managed to put the ball in the net in the 65th minute but his effort was disallowed for offside.

Despite all the Lions attacking efforts it was Footscray which finished up on the attack and right on full time Lujic could have increased the score when he broke through on a pass from Suki Jovanovic but his final shot was saved by Lownds.

The victory removed any recurring doubts of relegation for Footscray.

— Paul Galea

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Sunday, 11th October

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Sunday, 11th October

Covered Grandstand	\$8
Other Seats	\$7
Outer Ground	\$6

Pensioners and Children \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-off: 3.00 pm.

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Wednesday, 14th October

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QUARTER FINAL

Sunday, 11th October

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Sunday, 11th October

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Stand - Lower Deck	\$4
Outer Ground	\$3

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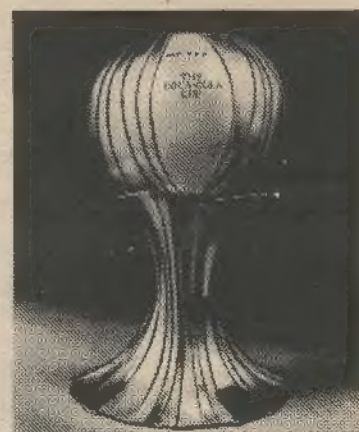
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FROM THE PRESS BOX

The more one thinks of Blanco's appointment as assistant national coach the more outrageous the idea is.

How on earth did this come about? Who recommended him and who approved, on what grounds?

Blanco has perhaps the sorriest recent record in the PSL: within 22 months he lost two top jobs after previously fairly successful clubs had experienced their worst seasons ever, under his care.

OK, maybe it would have been difficult to find a suitable assistant coach free from current PSL club commitments.

But what about Alan Vest, Mick Jones, Jim Adams, Kaz Kulak, Gerry Chaldi, Tony Boggi, Edmund Kreft, Leo Baumgartner and others?

So why Blanco? It's this sort of cronyism, if not nepotism, that keeps destroying soccer's credibility.

In the sacred name of "promotion," Blacktown took along last week Wednesday a colorfully attired "Demon" to Marconi Stadium.

He ran on the field with the players with commendable enthusiasm, then drifted here and there on the pitch before the game, with increasing and apparent embarrassment.

Nobody took much notice of him so he vanished; no doubt his family, if they were there, were relieved that his hapless "Demon" maintained his anonymity.

Why persevere with such infantile nonsense, such sick, comical aberrations?

A few years ago St. George tried a similar 'promotion' with a car salesman dressed up as 'Captain Cook' prouncing around on the ground rather inanely.

Now this Demon.

Is there ONE single person who believes this primitive, bizarre sideshow promotes either soccer or soccer atmosphere?

Much to my surprise, Rale Rasic has joined the "pro summer" camp in the great debate over a possible switch in seasons.

Even the Press is no longer violently opposed to the idea.

Brian Curran (Herald) is now for it, John Taylor (Telegraph) and Laurie Schwab (Soccer Action) have a "let's try it" attitude.

It really leaves only two unbending opponents, at least in Sydney.

Marconi PA announcer Joe Morrizzi's booming voice came through in the first half of the Blacktown match last week Wednesday.

"If there is an officer of the law (Joe, they are called policemen), please report at the official enclosure."

A long suffering Marconi fan nudged his neighbour on the stand.

"They want a cop to arrest all bloody 22 players for loitering," he cracked.

Another "he will never kick a ball for us" claim down the drain.

Ex-Socceroo Ivo Prskalo, sacked, suspended and all but quartered by Marconi some weeks ago, has now played for their PSL team—and not too badly, either.

As somebody once said: "It's not impossible to govern Italy, it's merely useless."

Actually, it can be also applied to Australian soccer as a whole.

ASF president Arthur George has managed to miss most of the fun recently, being away on holidays in his ancestral home, Greece.

During his absence the ASFM report on "summer soccer" came out, then Phillips said adieu to the League.

The crucial vote on the "summer" idea will take place on September 5.

Arthur George is due back on September 6.

Another miss.

Something's brewing in the PSL. Perhaps we're drawing closer to a regionalised League?

Last weekend PSL manager Paul Kemp and Marketing's Rik Booth and John Frank all went down to Tasmania to talk to local officials about a team's "possible entry."

Which may leave Western Australia isolated for many more years to come.

No wonder they have secessionist ideas; they feel they'd do better to play in a local league in Sumatra or Borneo which are closer to Perth than Sydney, especially mentally.

It's seldom — very, very seldom — that we comment on other publications. But now we can't resist.

A new periodical 'International and Australian Soccer Monthly' appeared some two weeks ago.

It has more than its fair share of literals, misprints, etc, which really isn't our business.

But one story, 'Australia — Which Way?' ends with this gem, reproduced here.

There are many problems afflicting Australian soccer, and a cure can be found for everyone of them. The proper prescription, and a determined application of the medicine, will enable soccer to take its rightful place in the annals of Australia sport.

Some people would say soccer has already occupied this noble place...

— Andrew Dettre



South Melbourne goalie Peter Laumets grabs the ball off the head of Sydney City striker John Kosmina in last Sunday's big clash. Laumets was the hero and the villain of his side in the match yet has managed to retain his high ranking among the PSL keepers.

POSTPONED GAME

MARCONI v BLACKTOWN 0-1 (0-1)

Marconi (4-3-3)

Brogan (4)	Mariani (5)	Corry (4)	Henderson (1)	Degney (3)
Byrne (3)	Housseini (3)	Krnecic (4)	Sharne (3)	
Hunter (3)	Jankovics (3)			
Burrows (3)	Turner (3)	Culina (3)		
O'Donnell (4)	Hormazabal (3)	Selva (3)		
Rasmussen (3)	Pointer (4)	Milovanovic (4)	Krstic (4)	
	James (5)			

Blacktown (4-3-3)

Replacement: Jones (68m) for Turner.

Goal: 0-1 O'Donnell (69m)

Referee: D. Rennie — Crowd: 2,100 — Cautions: Rasmussen, Selva; sent off: Henderson (28m).

The only event worth recording of a dreadfully flat first half was the shockingly harsh expulsion of Tony Henderson, following two tackles — the first of which didn't even look like a foul deserving a freekick.

That stamped its mark on the game which, from then on, became a tactical battle between a depleted and reorganised Marconi doing most of the attacking and cautious, very combative Blacktown patiently waiting for its chances.

The first proper shot at either goal came in the 69th minute — and it decided the match.

Brian O'Donnell, after a very swift attack, let go one of his sweet left foot drives and the low shot, wobbling and bending on its way, sneaked in at

the near post inches from the prostrate Ron Corry.

By that time Marconi were clearly on top — and the goal stung them into even more furious action.

To counter their numerical handicap, they were playing amazingly good football — possibly their most intelligent display of the year.

Mariani gave a grand display at the rear but the surprise packet was Krnecic, pulled back into the role of the libero to replace Henderson.

After months of deeply disappointing, at times pathetic performances, Krnecic, in this new and responsible position, proceeded to show all his true potential and long concealed class.

Indeed, it would be

criminally wasteful not to transplant him into a midfield or freeback role in 1982 where, at last, he could fulfil all the heady predictions about his ability.

In the last 15 minutes Marconi took the Blacktown goal under a siege and it was a miracle they survived.

Well, perhaps a trifle more than a miracle. In the 75th minute Bruce James brought off the save of the year, if not decade.

Sharne's sharp cross from the right was met by the flying Jankovics who sent a vicious, powerful header going under the bar from four metres — but James somehow threw himself into the ball and tipped it over.

Four minutes later James dived at

Jankovics' feet to deny Marconi once again and then Jankovics and Krnecic muffed a double-chance in the goalmouth.

A good Hunter shot was saved four minutes from time and in the 90th minute a Jankovics shot was scrambled clear right on the line by the desperate yet cool Blacktown defenders.

Both teams had something to smile about after the match. Marconi have proved that the basic ability is still there and 1982 could produce a revival.

Blacktown, with an extremely disciplined and purposeful display, won the points making many people wonder how on earth they could be relegation-bound.

— Andrew Dettre

HEIDELBERG v LIONS 2-2 (2-1)

Heidelberg (4-3-3)

McMillan (4)	Yzendoorn (3)	Provan (3)	Yankos (4)
Taylor (4)	Selemides (3)	Rooney (3)	
Bozikas (4)	Cole (3)	Paton (3)	
Low (3)	Williamson (4)	Ontong (4)	
Ferris (3)	McLean (3)	Hogg (4)	
Niven (3)	Burns (3)	Hermiston (3)	Wilson (3)
	Lownds (4)		

Brisbane Lions (4-3-3)

Replacements: Daunt (64m) for Low, Ogden (81m) for Ontong.

Goals: 0-1 Williamson (8m); 1-1 Taylor (23rd); 2-1 Bozikas (45m); 2-2 Daunt (84m).

Referee: J. Fearn — Crowd: 1,000 — Caution: Paton.

Calvin Daunt scored a late equaliser for Brisbane Lions to grab a point in a 2-2 draw with Heidelberg in the postponed fixture.

Heidelberg had come from behind to grab a 2-1 lead at half time and looked well in command until substitute Daunt steered home a cross from Graham Wilson with a well directed

header in the 84th minute.

Billy Williamson had opened the scoring in the 8th minute shooting low past Jeff Olver from outside the area.

Ken Taylor levelled the scores after 23 minutes latching onto a half clearance to volley the ball into the net off the underside of the

crossbar.

Then right on half time a header by Charlie Yankos set up Andy Bozikas to slot in Heidelberg's second from close range.

The game was played in a continuous downpour and the greasy surface made constructive play very difficult.

But Heidelberg han-

dled the conditions better and seemed to have scored a third goal through Gary Cole in the 61st minute.

However, the effort was disallowed on the advice of linesman Nick Karlich who ruled that the ball had crossed the by-line before it got to Cole.

— Paul Galea

SUNDAY'S SEMIFINAL:

CLASH OF THE STATE'S GIANTS

Everything, they say, is fair in love and war—and Sunday's 'major' semifinal between Croatia and St. George will come as close to war as permitted.

Frustrated almost beyond endurance, the Saints are itching for revenge against their tormentors who, they claim, have stolen 'their' title.

Croatia, on the other hand, feel they have the upper hand, having gone through the season undefeated and having

taken three points off the Saints in their two encounters.

Both teams have some valid claims.

Croatia, propped up by a large and enthusiastic supporters camp, have been blended into a solid outfit by coach Kapitanovic.

Their more recent Brazilian signings, Marcos and Adahilton Silva, have provided the long absent touches of class to this eager-beaver team.

And then there is

Peter Hensman, himself a former Saint, still one of the fastest man around, keen to prove something.

Vidaic at the back, together with the younger Kovacic and elder brother Marijan in the middle give the team plenty of backbone.

Against that, the Saints

will march under the care of the revered Frank Arok, arguably the most knowledgeable coach in Australia—but certainly not the luckiest.

They, too, have a bunch of quality players, even former internationals (Peter Stone).

And that leaves the attack where former

Yugoslav star Dez Marton and veteran Ernie Campbell can, on their day, run riot against almost any defence.

This is going to be a rip-roaring semifinal despite the fact that the loser will have a second chance in next week's final.

SECOND GRADE SEMIFINAL:

Manly v. St. George 2-1

Manly: Cassettari, Piaud, Russell, Kelly, Hiscock, Dick, Riley, Spratt, Stuart, Wilson, Burchett (Pearman).

St. George: D. Smith (Lohman), Yamine, David Smith, Agostino, J. Russell, Hadley, McConachie, Campanella (Morris), Tuntsevski, Croot, Colagiuri.

Goals: R. Stuart, A. Wilson; McConachie.

St. George started briskly and soon took over the midfield. However, their clever build-ups were foiled by Manly.

The Seaside had to rely on quick counter-attacks as their main source of offence, forcing

Don Smith to make several good saves.

The Saints kept going forward and midway through the first half took the lead when McConachie lobbed the goalie after running onto a through-ball.

The second half began in whirlwind fashion with Manly eager to make up the arrears.

After some misses at both ends, Manly equalised when Stuart doubled back to sprint through the St. George defence and lob the advancing goalie.

Sensing victory, the young Manly challenged for every ball. St. George had trouble in dealing with the high balls in their area and the deciding goal came as a direct result of this weakness.

Keeper Lohman went out for a corner, missed and Andy Wilson's header found the net despite a defender's frenetic dive to scramble the ball away.

THIRD GRADE SEMIFINAL:

Bankstown v. R'wood 2-0

Bankstown: Giffin, Shawl, Beck (K. James), Kent, Mannell, Hamilton (Alexander), Butt, M. Waugh, Ross, Garnett, S. Waugh.

Riverwood: Brown, Higgins, Curran, Veljanovski, Vaughan, Mickovski, (Avis), Morgan (Villatoro), Dounis, Hey, Gardikiotis, Morialis.

Goals: Butt, M. Waugh.

After a cautious start, both sides shed their inhibitions and began to play attractive, attacking soccer.

Bankstown, more direct in attack, made many quick breaks which had the Riverwood defence scrambling for cover.

Riverwood dominated midfield but created few chances because they tended to hold on to the ball too long, thus giving the opposing defence time to nullify the danger.

In the second half Bankstown

took the initiative with speedy flankmen Garnett and Butt launching numerous raids at goal.

Riverwood's chances to score were limited to some long-range shots which were well saved by keeper J. Giffin.

The opening goal resulted from a high cross by fullback Shawl which wasn't cleared and Butt poked the ball into the net at his second attempt.

The second Bankstown goal also came from a high job into the penalty area. Garnett took an inswinging corner which was partially cleared to the same player who pumped the ball in and midfielder M. Waugh slammed the loose ball home.

Riverwood tried hard to bridge the gap but Bankstown were determined not to yield and hung on to run out comfortable winners.

—M. Mikolajczyk

MELITA GRAB TENSE SEMI

—By Mike Mikolajczyk

MELITA V. POLONIA 1-0

Three minutes from halftime Melita could have been in arrears as fullback Jirsa overlapped on the left, crossed to the flying Anito Budini who, though unmarked, missed.

Melita started the second half in a blistering fashion and their first raid nearly produced a goal. In the 51st minute Galas had to clear on his line. Galas and Ricky Budini, the formidable duo in the centre of the Polonia defence, proved to be a huge stumbling block for the rampant Eagles.

At the other end, Anito Budini and Sookkee twice took advantage of careless passing to break through the Melita defence but on both occasions keeper Greedy came out to snuff out the danger.

But Melita kept going forward. The ball skills of Stoddart and Martinez at times had the opposition mesmerised.

Don Allen's head-work was as accurate as ever with Farrugia and Jones scurrying about to pick up the delicate flicks and glancing headers from Allen.

However, it still remained for somebody to break the deadlock.

Midway through the second half Melita began to tire from their incessant attacking efforts and Polonia looked like grabbing the initiative with Galas and Ricky Budini venturing upfield to add some punch to their attack.

Melita, whenever under pressure, were well served by Paul Daley who showed maturity and coolness.

The Eagles, seeming to

catch their "second wind," rallied in an all-out effort to score.

Just four minutes from fulltime John Stoddart floated in a corner from the left which Martinez deftly flicked on to Allen who made no mistake with a sharp volley from 10 metres.

Polonia tried desperately to even the score but their young players had no more to give.

Peter Rampley controlled the match very well. Seconds before fulltime he gave Polonia a last-gasp freekick against Greedy for "steps" which was somehow cleared.

Both clubs performed very creditably considering that Melita were a case of walking wounded after last week's "war" with Monaro and Polonia were upset by injuries and the suspension of experienced midfielder Garlowski. They fielded four youngsters with limited first team experience in such a do-or-die match.

Melita: Greedy, McCoy, Daley, Campbell, Berry, Farrugia, Darvill, Stoddart, Jones, Allen, Martinez.

Polonia: Kalinowski, Isherwood, R. Budini, Galas, Jirsa, Sookkee, Noble, Sobczyk, Divani, Dickson, A. Budini.

Goal: Allen (86m). Referee: P. Rampley—Crowd: 2369—Cautions: A. Budini, Martinez.

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The Eagles, seeming to

FIRST DIVISION

—By Charles Spiteri

Third-place getters Fairy Meadow stand a great chance of winning the first division Grand Final on Sunday, after beating champions Yugal last weekend.

Fairy Meadow, causing a major surprise, never looked like losing as they took on the champions from kick-off.

The other semifinal between Kuringai and Wollongong ended in a 1-1 draw and the match will be replayed on Thursday night at Seymour Shaw Park, Sutherland.

The relegation play-off also ended in a draw and Belmore and Sydney University will have to replay at Potts Park, on Saturday.

Yugal v. Fairy Meadow 0-2.

and bottled up Yugal.

Graham Gardner, who scored 18 goals during the competition proper, opened Fairy's account in the 20th minute when he beat the defence and the keeper.

However, the Fairies' danger man was striker Steve Baker who had one of his best games of the season.

He notched No.2 in the 60th minute when he headed home a Mick Richardson corner.

Yugal: team unavailable.

Fairy Meadow: Beck, Southwell, Piac, Devenney, Tinney, Richardson, White, Chilby, Hamilton, Baker, Gardner.—Coach: H. Tinney.

Kuringai v. Wollongong 1-1

In a thrilling match, Fairy Meadow went into the attack from the start

Even extra time couldn't split the two teams.

Jim Magill put Kuringai into the lead with a superb drive from some 30 metres.

Despite fielding a makeshift team, Wollongong hit back with an equaliser from Mario Peroza, having only his second game for the first grade side.

Kuringai: Antman, Haines, Sidey, Robertson, Hammond, Grosse, Magill, Gould, Seach, McCranor (Smith), Stewart.—Coach: H. Noon.

Wollongong: P. Terziowski, Drain, Montecchie, Talevski, R. Sattin, H. Sattin, Petkovski (Jones), Dakovski, P. Giraldi, R. Giraldi, Peroza.—Coach: M. Johnson.

Belmore v. Uni. of NSW 0-0.

This nerve-wrecking match never looked like producing a result from the start and even extra time didn't help things.

Belmore: J. Hawthorne, Palmer, Jones, Martin, Kruger, Kirwin, Smith, Grant, Warren, Oughton, Billinghurst.—Coach: O. Klaus.

Uni. of NSW: Ridings, Grahame, T. Popovich, Erhardt, Hughes, Kay, Austin, Kelly, V. Popovich (Daglis), Antonoli, Carway (Wannan). Coach: A. Field.

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COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



AROK CURSES HIS BAD LUCK

"We faced the most orthodox type of championship contest this year," said St George coach Frank Arok.

"Almost from the first week it was obvious that it was going to be a two-horse race.

"But I was certain that if we could maintain our excellent form of the first nine weeks, we would be able to shake off Croatia," he said.

Frank said the devastating start of St George hadn't really surprised him.

"I knew what the team was capable of doing, and I felt that there were very few teams that could match us," he said.

What went wrong then?

"I don't like trying to analyse every game, because then you start blaming people.

"But I think that possibly the home draw against Croatia was a turning point," he said.

Frank said he felt the meeting at the St George stadium had been a fore runner of things to come.

"Croatia had an immense amount of good fortune this year, and I hope they admit it.

"The number of games they won by the odd goal, and in the last minutes, or even in injury time, was about six or seven.

"Against us in that first encounter we played what I considered a good game, but we were unable to score more than one goal.

"Croatia had to fight hard to stay in the match and yet they still scored the equaliser," he said.

"When I look back it seems strange to me that we didn't win that game.

"However, even after dropping that point I felt the team was still running strongly," Frank said.

He added that while Croatia had several big struggles on their hands throughout the year, St George's victories were clear cut.

"The only match in which we could have been said to be lucky was the 4-3 win over North Sydney.

"Apart from that, our other victories were the work of our own players and our tactics," he said.

Frank said he felt Croatia's buying spree had certainly helped in strengthening their side throughout the year.

"I think they bought 14 or so players throughout the year, and although they didn't all make the first team, they did end up with several players who made valuable contributions," Frank said.

"The second wave of buys, just before the deadline, provided some players, like Ted Steven and Hilton Silva who were very important.

"The transfers, and the absolute passion with which they approached every game — the whole club I mean — meant that Croatia didn't drop that vital point I was expecting they would.

"And then we faced them in the second vital game of the year — and we lost," Frank said.

Frank said the encounter at King Tomislav was the match he knew he had to win.

"I knew that if we lost it, the championship would be out of our grasp.

"I had seen several games at the King Tomislav ground and I knew that the Croatia team would get good support, especially for such an important match as the one with us."

Frank said the massive crowd that did turn up, and the atmosphere they produced, had the effect he had been worried about.

"The whole team was weighed down by the pressure.

"Even the more experienced players, with international experience, were showing more than usual signs of being nervous.

"As a result in the first half we played very badly and we conceded two goals.

"We recovered well in the second period, but it was not enough.

"And it was one of those days, when even if we had played 100 per cent brilliant soccer we wouldn't have scored," he said.

Frank said St George's game was not based on battle, and this had perhaps been a failing this year.

"I don't mean that our side couldn't handle an opponent who was determined to just fight us.

"We could easily handle that.

"But in classic examples like the Sutherland cup match and the games against Croatia we came up against sides that had a pre-conceived battle plan and stuck to their task religiously," Frank said.

"Perhaps it was a mistake on our part.

"We underestimated the strength of some of our opponents.

"Against Croatia we faced a team with good team spirit, with a good style, with good tactics, and with good players.

"They matched us in each department, and so it was up to the run of the ball to determine who would win.

"After all, this year we have met three times, with a win each and a draw.

"I never dreamed at the start of the year that we would have such tough opponents as Croatia,"

he said.

Frank said he didn't want to make out that Croatia was lucky and St George wasn't.

"It is not as simple as that.

"No team can go through a whole year — 26 games — without defeat, just by being lucky.

"Croatia is an excellent team and has some fine characteristics," he said.

"We will never again underestimate them — or anyone else for that matter," he said.

Frank said he felt injuries and lack of form had contributed in some part to St George's minor slump towards the end of the year.

"But every team has injuries, so I suppose that is nothing unusual.

"It was our misfortune that players like Dez Marton, Mark Barton, John Davies and Billy Griffiths had such annoying injuries.

"Who knows how many goals we would have scored and extra points we'd picked up if Dez had been fully fit," he said.

Frank said he was extremely pleased with the way the team had bounced back over the past weeks since the Croatia game and was now playing back to their peak.

"Against Sutherland we showed what we can do.

"I think that having several players back in superb form, like young David Skeen, helps lift the other players.

"I'm confident that David will retain his first team place.

"We want a team that is as strong as possible for the Croatia match.

"It will be another super encounter.

"I don't think any Sydney soccer fan can afford to miss it," Frank said.



St George coach and manager Frank Arok: never expected to lose the 1981 State title.

POLONIA MET ITS TARGETS

At the start of 1981 Polonia's young, go-ahead president Mike Kordek raised a few eyebrows when he said the club was not interested in just surviving.

"We made the final of the Ampol Cup and we thought that there was no reason why we couldn't aim for a Top Four position at the end of the year," said Mike.

Polonia's plans were gradually put into motion.

Contact was made with people in Poland and eventually it was revealed that four Polish first division players, some with international experience, would be brought out.

Delays at first gave the sceptics ammunition, then even the club started to worry when civil unrest in Poland made the arrival of the players look uncertain.

Eventually the four players arrived.

Goalkeeper Kalinowski has perhaps made the biggest impact of the foursome.

He was a former Polish international, being part of the Polish team that caused such a sensation in the 1974 World Cup.

Kalinowski drew rave reviews from all the leading coaches in the State League and PSL, and Marconi have even been rumoured to be interested in him for next season.

The first two or three

games the Poles played resulted in good wins for Polonia.

"Then the effects of the travel, change of climate and change of lifestyle caught up with them and they started to look tired," Mike said.

"But they quickly re-adapted and have provided a great backbone for the team," he added. Polonia caused a minor surprise when they held St George to a scoreless draw at Chopin Park.

"It was perhaps our most difficult match in that we had to stick rigidly to our tasks," said Mike.

"The side did so admirably, and with Kalinowski in such excellent form, St George just couldn't score."

Mike said the club had always felt the four Poles, including Galas, Garlowski and Szobczyk, were short term investments.

"I think too many of the so-called established teams are just content with surviving.

"They claim to be introducing young players into their sides.

"Well, we are doing that as well as having a successful team.

"There isn't much encouragement for young players to be called on to fight in dire relegation battles," Mike said.

"I can forecast a bright future once again for Polonia next year," he added.

Parramatta's 100th anniversary celebrations planned for 1982 will go ahead — despite the team's relegation from the State League.

"Naturally, we are most disappointed but we will definitely rebuild the team," said president R. Chisholm this week.

"We'll find out first what went wrong, what we did incorrectly.

"At times people accuse us of picking up players who're over the hill.

"Well, we have only two veterans in the side, Percy Biglands, who has been with us since junior days and Jimmy Herron; all the others are younger players."

Chisholm said a specially established committee will plan a series of events and functions throughout 1982 to mark the club's 100th birthday.

He said he was aware of the fact that a section of the club membership was still keen to revert back to the Granville name.

"If there is any firm move, the directors will look at the proposal.

"But I'm sure the name has had nothing to do with the fact that we got relegated last Sunday.

Parramatta will still celebrate 100th birthday

"Any team that misses two penalties in a match like this doesn't deserve to win."

North's relief

North Sydney are relieved to have survived their relegation battle—and have already started laying plans for a more stable 1982 season.

Club secretary Archie Blue—who, at 41, helped Norths in their crucial game last weekend—said there was a possibility of an amalgamation with another club.

"We have had two inquiries from clubs, one on the northern side of the Harbour and one from the south.

"Some negotiations will take place later this week.

"However, we are not prepared to amalgamate on just any terms.

"If these talks lead to nothing positive, we will continue on our own."

Archie said the club was determined to find a sponsor with more than a token contribution.

"Without that it's not

possible to exist any longer.

"We have the crazy situation when players even in lower divisions get paid for playing. They and their clubs should be amateurs.

"But if this goes on in lower divisions, it's natural that we in the State League have to try to keep up with the fashion—and it's a terrible ordeal.

"Sydney soccer would be far better off if teams below the State League reverted back to a fully amateur status."

Archie also corrected a mistake in last week's 'Soccer World'.

He said he had nothing against Kilmarnock—but back in Scotland he used to play for Hearts of Midlothian, of aristocratic Edinburgh.

All Scottish readers would probably appreciate the difference...

WORLD NEWS...WORLD NEWS...

YANKS NOW WANT BIGGER GOALS AND KICK — INS...

The owners of the North American Soccer League recently met in Chicago determined to pep up the ailing League.

Once again attendances are slipping; the mighty Cosmos are now down to an average of 30,000 (from 45,000) while the expensive Los Angeles Aztecs, coached by former Brazilian national coach Claudio Coutinho, are drawing an average of about 7,000 a game...

Clearly, the League is in trouble and millions will be lost during the just completed season with the final coming up in Toronto on Sept 27.

Some of the new proposals that were made include limiting the number of foreign players in a starting lineup to four, enlarging the goal by a foot in every direction, and banning passes to a goalkeeper by teammates.

"What a joke," laughed Aztec defender John McGrane.

"Why don't they also put pointed caps on us, give us big noses, bring out elephants at halftime and call it circus ball. It surely won't be soccer."

Maybe not, but according to Dallas co-owner Lamar Hunt and Toronto owner Bill McNutt, something has to be done to the sport to make it more appealing to Americans who have been raised on baseball, football and basketball.

"After 15 years in the league, we feel it's time to do some monkeying

around with the game," said McNutt. "The changes we have in mind are designed to improve the game artistically and financially."

The other changes McNutt and Hunt are seeking are:

- Replace all throw-ins with kick-ins.
- Eliminate offsides, or move the offside line back from the 35-yard line to just outside the penalty box.
- Create a zone in the

midfield where a player may remain only for a specified period of time, similar to the three-second lane in basketball.

The new boom-town of the NASL is Montreal, Canada where recently 50,200 turned up to see the local Le Manic de Montreal beat Washington Diplomats 1-0 at the Stade Olympique.

Le Manic, in their first

season (they took over the former Philadelphia Fury franchise), averaged 25,000 at home.

Most people expected the Canadian team to attract mainly Greek and Italian migrants to their games and then quickly fold up like the Montreal Olympics did some years ago.

However, most of Le Manic's crowd are French-speaking Canadians.

Rivelino doesn't want a medal

Rivelino, the player who has played the most games for the Brazilian team — 117 — was upset that coach Tele Santana didn't call him to play once again against Spain. The player decided not to attend the game, where he would have been distinguished with a medal by the Brazilian Football Association (CBF).

After two seasons in Saudi Arabia, Rivelino is back in Brazil so the Brazilian FA thought it would be nice to give him a medal before the game against Spain.

Rivelino thought that, together with the medal, he was going to play his last game for Brazil. That apparently had been promised to him by the ex-president of the Football Association, Admiral Heleno Nunes.

But times have changed. The president

of the Football Association is now Giulite Coutinho. The coach is Tele Santana, not Claudio Coutinho.

Heleno Nunes used to say what Claudio Coutinho was to do with the Brazilian team. Several times he dictated that such-and-such a player should be called or should be put in the line-up.

But Giulite Coutinho doesn't try to do the same and Tele Santana wouldn't accept that, even if he tried.

So when Rivelino told the CBF directors that he wanted to play, they coughed, they cleared their throats, and they said that was impossible, because Tele Santana had already announced the names of the players he was calling and Rivelino's was not on the list.

So Rivelino said he



Rivelino

didn't want the medal. And he didn't go to the game, either.

DIRCEU QUILS MADRID



Dirceu

Brazilian ace Dirceu appears to have ended his career with Atletico Madrid.

It all started when Atletico played Dynamo Kiev in a recent friendly.

The referee gave a penalty to Atletico. Coach Jose Luis Traid shouted for Minguez to take it. Dirceu walked up and slotted the ball home.

Soon after Traid pulled Dirceu off the field.

"Why did I have to come off?" Dirceu demanded.

"Because you are tired," Traid replied.

"Your ideas of soccer are up to sh..." Dirceu exploded.

The dialogue continued after the game.

"Now what have you got to say for yourself," the coach asked.

"I don't want to play in your team again," Dirceu shot back.

"You won't have to," Traid screamed.

"Brazilians are sh—house. You come here to earn big money but you don't want to train and won't fit in. I'll get rid of you."

A few days later the club backed the coach in the dispute. "Discipline comes first," said president Alfonso Cabeza. "Dirceu is going on transfer."

Then the player again. "I never had anything against Traid. But I am ready to leave anyway. I have been earning much less than most other foreign players here in Spain. There are seven or eight Brazilian clubs who want me."

RIPPED OPEN



This dreadful injury was suffered in West Germany by Bielefeld's Lienen and was caused by Bremen's Ziegmann. Lienen had his whole thigh ripped open in a foul tackle and will be out of action for at least 10 weeks.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

• Norberto Qutes, Boca Juniors' Argentinian international, has signed for the Mexican club America.

• Steve McKenzie, 19, has been transferred from Manchester City to West Bromwich.

• Justin Fashanu has joined Nottingham Forest — for close to \$2 million.

• The Roman restaurant called La Lampara was burned to the ground. Its owner is the same Alvaro Trinca whose revelations had launched the Betting Scandal...

• A group of Liverpool supporters caused a lot of property damage in Zurich before 13 of them were arrested. The cause of their anger was that the Zurich v Liverpool game had to be cancelled because of heavy rain.

• When Flamengo won the Guanabara Cup recently, hundreds of excited fans burst into the dressing room to embrace their favorites and in the process souvenired all the jerseys, shoes, towels — as well as suits and wallets of the players...

• Brazilian manager Tele Santana is unhappy with his ace striker Zico. "I'll drop him unless he loses his fear of physical duels," he threatens.

• Bayern Munchen have put Kalle del' Hays on the transfer. "There is no room for him in our 15-man squad," says coach Pal Csernai.

• In a friendly international in Stockholm, Sweden beat Bulgaria 1-0 with a goal by Sjoberg.

• Rapid is being tipped to win the Austrian title — for the first time since 1968.

• Hungary's manager Karoly Meszoly has announced that he would not use any of his foreign-based players for the vital World Cup match against Rumania on September 23 in Bucharest.

• Brazil's new national champion is the small Ponte Petra club who beat Guarani in the final 3-2.

• Peru, with a 2-0 win over Colombia, now lead the South American World Cup Group 2 from Uruguay.

• David O'Leary has re-signed for Arsenal. "This is one of the most important signatures I've obtained," commented manager Terry Neill later.

• Blow to Tottenham: colored winger Garth Crooks is out of action with cartilage problems.

• Former Israeli star and ex-Paris FC ace Mordechai Spiegel is now coach of Betar of Tel Aviv.

• Yugoslav international Buljan, now with Cosmos, is having serious eye problems and could be forced to retire due to constant double vision. (Maybe we could engage him to count our crowds...)

• Two Brazilian aces, Socrates and Cerezo have declined some big offers from Mexico but former national team stopper Amaral has joined up.

• Franz Beckenbauer is out with a torn thigh muscle and will miss several weeks if not months.

• "We will never invite Liverpool, Manchester United or, for that matter, any other English club ever again," said FC Zurich's manager after the recent riot in their city by Liverpool fans.

• Boca Juniors — with Maradona — are touring Europe and playing a series of matches in Spain.

• Italian hero Paolo Rossi is getting married this month — and is hopeful of getting a reduction of his long suspension.

• FC Köln is prepared to transfer their English striker Tony Woodcock; Arsenal and Leeds are interested.

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